

Dear Sirs/Madams;

I've followed this particular petition with great interest and hoped that it would not come to this. However, as it has now taken a 'legal' face, it is important to convey my thoughts therein.

As a new member of the Amateur Radio community (September 20, 2002 - KC2KFW), I've already enjoyed the limited time I've spent on-the-air. I'm also a member of the Red Cross for the Greater NY Area, as well as a member of the Bronx/Manhattan A.R.E.S. team. I've enjoyed providing communications during 3 public events and hope to do another 5 before the year is over.

I trouble you with the above information to give you a little background on me, with regards to why I pursued an FCC license for amateur radio. With that said, I also enjoy the future opportunity for exploration and experimentation. It occurs to me that if this petition is given any credence, I may find my future experiments a failure before I even begin them. It would seem completely unfair that 2-4 individuals who cannot get along with their 'neighbors', would petition the FCC to create a law for over 660,000 other licensed amateurs to abide by. The rest of us seem to get along quite well, with the exception of certain 'jammers' and needless interference from a few individuals.

It has also been brought to my attention that the individuals who have submitted this petition have themselves been cited at least once each in the past for interference and other malicious activities. This leads me to question the integrity and the basis for this petition.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the lessons I've learned in the last 9 months, and hope to equally enjoy the next 50 years. Please don't allow the questionable actions and unfounded petitions of a very small group to interfere with the possible future of myself and others. Do not misunderstand... I'm not a Hi-Fi SSB'er, but I do believe, given the proper study and testing, this could play a major part in the future of amateur radio. Maybe not today, tomorrow or next year. But, that's what experimentation is all about, isn't it?

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my comments. I appreciate all that the FCC does to help the amateur radio community.

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